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SUBJECT: INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER BRANCH CHAPTER FOR SAN FRANCISCO

1. PRESIDENT OF THE INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
(IACC) T. T. VASU INFORMED US DECEMBER 21 THAT THE IACC
IS PLANNING TO ORGANIZE A CHAPTER OF THE IACC IN SAN FRANCISCO.
VASU PLANS TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO MID-FEBRUARY WHEN HE IS
IN THE STATES FOR THE MEETING OF THE JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL
AND HOPES TO INAGURATE THE NEW CHAPTER AT THAT TIME. HE IS
PRESENTLY AWAITING WORD FROM A U.S. BUSINESS CONTACT IN
SAN FRANCISCO WHO IS DOING THE PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATIONAL
WORK. WHEN HE GETS THE GO AHEAD FROM HIS CONTACT, VASU
PLANS TO INVITE AMBASSADOR KEWAL SINGH AND PERHAPS AMBASSADOR
SAXBE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INAUGURAL SESSION
OF THE NEW CHAPTER.

2. VASU INDICATED THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR THE NEW CHAPTER
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HAD COME FROM THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT. HE DID NOT GO INTO
GREAT DETAIL, BUT HE SAID THAT "ONE DIKSHIT, WHO IS A MINISTER
IN THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON," HAD FIRST SUGGESTED
THE IACC HAVE A CHAPTER OR CHAPTERS IN THE U.S., WITH THE
SUGGESTION APPARENTLY WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE DELHI
BUREAUCRACY DOWN TO VASU. VASU HIMSELF APPARENTLY DECIDED

THAT SAN FRANCISCO WOULD BE A MORE LIKELY SPOT THAN NEW YORK,
SINCE HE FEELS THAT WEST COAST BUSINESS IN THE U.S. HAS A
STRONGER ORIENTATION TOWARD INDIA THAN EAST COAST BUSINESS.
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